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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONTEVIDEO 4154

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TAGS: SHUM, UY
SUBJ: FLAVIO TAVARES' DIALOGUE IN FRONT OF PRESS
REPRESENTATIVES

REF: (A) STATE 205890 (NOTEL), (B) MONTEVIDEO 4140 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: AUGUST 27, DETAINED BRAZILIAN
JOURNALIST FLAVIO TAVARES DIALOGUES IN FRONT OF PRESS
REPRESENTATIVES WITH BRAZILIAN CONSUL, CONSULATE DOCTOR
AND DEFENSE LAWYER. SUBSTANCE OF DIALOGUE EXTENSIVELY
REPORTED, WITH PHOTOS, ON FRONT PAGES OF MONTEVIDEO PRESS
AUGUST 27.P

2. PRINCIPAL STATEMENT BY TAVARES, WHO CLAIMED HE UN-
AWARE SUCH DIALOGUE WOULD BE HELD, AS FOLLOWS: "FROM
THE MOMENT IN WHICH I ENTER THE JAIL I HAVE BEEN FINE,
IN SPITE OF THE ILLNESSES WHICH I HAVE. TODAY I WAS
EXAMINED BY A DOCTOR, AND VARIOUS TIMES I HAVE BEEN
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EXAMINED BY DOCTORS IN THE JAIL, AND THEY HAVE FOUND ME WITH
GOOD ARTERIAL PRESSURE. I HAD A SERIES OF PROBLEMS
(MEDICAL) WHICH THE DOCTORS OF THE JAIL FOUND CANNOT BE
SOLVED, EVEN WITH THE BEST ATTENTION, WHICH IS WHAT I HAVE
RECEIVED HERE. I WISH TO SAY THAT NOT ONLY DO I NOT HAVE
ANY COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE JAIL OF MONTEVIDEO, BUT THAT,
ON THE CONTRARY, I COULD PRAISE THE FRIENDLY TREATMENT OF

THE FUNCTIONARIES OF ALL LEVELS WHOM I HAVE ENCOUNTERED. OF COURSE, WHEN ONE IS IN JAIL ONE NEVER SEELS WELL BE- CAUSE ONE IS NOT IN ONE'S HOME OR ENJOYING ONE'S FREEDOM, BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT HERE THE HUMAN CONDITIONS ARE GOOD, THE TREATMENT OF PEOPLE IS THE SAME, AND THE OFFICIALS ARE AFFABLE."

3. QUESTIONED REGARDING THE TYPE OF FOOD HE WAS RECEIVING AND WITH WHAT REGULARITY, TAVARES RESPONDED: "I AM SATISFIED WITH THE FOOD, BESIDES SOME FRIENDS BRING ME SPECIAL FOOD, BASED ON A SPECIAL DIET, AND THIS IS PER- MITTED TO REACH ME." TAVARES ALSO INDICATED THAT HE IS PERMITTED TO RECEIVE VISITS FROM FAMILY MEMBERS AND FROM HIS DEFENSE LAWYER, DR. BERNARDO DEL CAMPO, WHO HAS FREE ACCESS TO HIM. END UNCLASSIFIED

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: COMMENT: TAVARES' PUBLIC STATEMENTS RE HIS TREATMENT AND HEALTH CONTRAST SHARPLY WITH PICTURE PAINTED BY HIS LAWYER AND REPRESENTATIVES OF "EXCELSIOR" AND "O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO" IN MEETING WITH ARA HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISOR LISTER ON AUGUST 19 (SEE SEPTTEL). AT THAT TIME, THEY ALLEGED THAT HE HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY MALTREATED, HAD LOST MUCH WEIGHT AND WAS SO ILL THAT HE MIGHT NOT SURVIVE ANOTHER MONTH IN PRISON. IN CALL TO POL OFF FROM SAO PAULO, AUGUST 29, LAWYER MENDONCA REITERATED THAT TAVARES WAS SERIOUSLY ILL AND IMPLIED CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT HIS DECLARATIONS RO PRESS (ABOVE) WERE ONLY A "CHARADE" TO ATTEMPT TO GAIN HIS RELEASE. INDEPENDENT EFFORTS BY EMBASSY TO ASCERTAIN TRUE STATE OF TAVARES' HEALTH HAVE RESULTED IN COMPLETELY CONTRADICTORY INFORMATION, AND WE ARE STILL ENDEAVORING TO OBTAIN ACCURATE READING. END CONFIDENTIAL PEZZULLO

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